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“DEVICE FOR CONVERTING THE MAINS  
VOLTAGE INTO A LOWER VOLTAGE”

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the fee, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 4, after “consumer” insert +, i.e., any electronic device such as, for example, a consumer electronic device,--.

In the Claims:

1. Device for transforming the main supply [mains] voltage into a lower voltage, comprising a first connector that can be plugged into a mains socket, a second connector that can be plugged into a consumer and an electronic circuit for transforming the voltage which is located between the two connectors, and wherein

[characterized in that] the electronic circuit forms with the second connector (2) one rigid physical unit whereby the connection between the electronic circuit and second connector (2) is as short as possible and has a low electric resistance.

2. Device according to claim 1, and further comprising [characterized in that] an ON/OFF switch (5) [is provided] for switching the line voltage.